

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [003] with the following amended paragraph:

[003] The blower/vac can be operated in both a blowing mode and a vacuum mode. In the blowing mode, a blower tube is coupled to the fan outlet to direct the air stream being ejected from the fan outlet in a desired direction, such as against the ground to blow leaves off a sidewalk ~~of~~ or the like. In the vacuum mode, a vacuum tube is coupled to the fan inlet. When the vacuum tube is positioned adjacent the ground, the vacuum tube will suck or pick up leaves or other debris and the blower/vac will then eject such debris through the fan outlet.

Please replace paragraph [051] with the following amended paragraph:

[051] The coupled ends of connecting hose 14 and collection bag 12 are then inserted into cart 10. In this respect, attachment plate 62 and attachment flange 48, which are abutted against one another, are aligned with slideway 38 formed by tabs 34. See ~~Fig. 6~~ Figs. 4 and 6. The user then slides the abutted attachment plate 62 and attachment flange 48 downwardly into slideway 28 with connecting hose 14 passing down through slot 28 in front end 24 of cart 10. Slideway 38 is deep enough, i.e. tabs 34 are spaced far enough away from slot 28, to receive the combined thicknesses of attachment plate 62 and attachment flange 48 in a relatively snug fit. However, even when so received, attachment plate 62 on connecting hose 14 is free to rotate within slot 28 even as connecting hose 14 is held within slot 28.